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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

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INFO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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DEPT PASS EXIMBANK

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, KU, RP

SUBJECT: VISIT OF AL-HAMAD - KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, ABDUL LATIF AL-HAMAD,  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT, WOUND UP AN APPARENTLY HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL  
TWO-DAY VISIT TO MANILA MARCH 27 DURING WHICH HE  
EXPLAINED THE PHILOSOPHY AND OPERATIONS OF THE KUWAIT FUND  
AND WAS BRIEFED ON VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS BY  
SENIOR GOP OFFICIALS LED BY FINANCE SECRETARY CESAR  
VIRATA AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ALEJANDRO MELCHOR. PRESS  
REPORTS WERE CAUTIOUSLY JUBILANT ABOUT AL-HAMAD'S VISIT  
AND HINTED AT KUWAITI ASSURANCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.  
EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS PECIFIC PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED BY  
AL-HAMAD TO FINANCE AN ELECTRIC POWER DISTRIBUTION  
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PROJECT IN MINDANAO.

2. AL-HAMAD STRESSED THE FACT-FINDING NATURE OF HIS VISIT AND TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT THAT KUWAIT WAS A MEMBER OF THE THIRD WORLD, AND THAT ITS FUND OPERATED WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF CULTURE OR RELIGION.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT DURING HIS VISIT AL-HAMAD WAS ASKED WHETHER FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN NUCLEAR POWER FINANCING. AL-HAMAD REPORTEDLY REJECTED IN TALKS WITH PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS THE IDEA EITHER OF DIRECT NUCLEAR POWER FINANCING OR OF PARALLEL ARRANGEMENTS WITH U.S. EXIMBANK. HE INDICATED IN EFFECT THAT FOR THE PRESENT THE FUND PREFERRED TO CONCENTRATE ITS AID ON MINDANAO.  
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